



CALLED, GIFTED, SENT FORTH

We, the people of God, led and inspired by the Holy Spirit, fed by the Word and the Eucharist, strive to share our faith and live our lives daily as disciples of Christ.

Persistent in your prayers

I believe persistent prayer is very important, even when such prayers are not answered in the ways we think best. It is important to be unrelenting in our prayers...not only because of the changes our prayers may elicit in God's mind, but for the changes such prayers can work in our own hearts and minds. As St. Augustine of Hippo said, persistence is a key, *"not because you have to beat a path to God's door before God will open it, but because until you beat the path, maybe there's no way of getting to your door."*

What can we say about the widow in the Gospel of St. Luke? She was powerless. Being a widow (in Jesus' time), means that she had no one to support her. She had no one to protect her. In our story from the scripture, the widow had knocked and knocked on the door of the unjust judge, the judge who cared nothing for God nor respected any human being. Finally, because of her persistence, the judge responded in her favour. The widow had only her persistence. She was persevering.

Now Jesus is telling us that if something good can be achieved from an unjust judge through persistence, how much more from our ever loving and ever caring God? Like the widow, we must be persevering and persistent in our prayers. We must maintain our faith and not waver in trusting God. We must not lose heart to call on God. We must not give up.

"Pray constantly and consistently.

Wait patiently and see how God will work wonders in our life".

Challenges

1. *What are our prayers?*
2. *And how do we pray?*

Fr. Marlon

**16 OCTOBER 2022 - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR C)**

Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Mass has been offered for

Our Recently deceased: May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Anniversaries:

Rex Gibson, Martin Holden, Margaret Elstone, Kevin Bryant, William Cassidy, Bernard Su'a, Lillian Nunns, Fr Paddy Carmody, Veronica Williams, Joyce Flynn, Terry McDonnell, Derek Daken, Nive Fa'amao, Josef Krummenacher (snr), Poni Smith, Clem Benge, Daniel Christopher Lynch, Margaret (Pearl) Healy nee Maher (Eire & London).



May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Prayers for the sick:

Nathan Lysaght, Owen Hessian, Maureen Te Wehioterangi Jehly, Kalolo Misa, Jon Nelson, Bill Barret, Otis Hill, Paul Schmidt-Uili, Mons Charles Cooper, Francis Ogwaro, Saoleiitti Joe Taito, Derek Wiltshire, Dorothy Niven.

Please remember these and others in the parish who are ill.

If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact the office 04 971 7885.

Parish Notices

Following the Government's decision to end the Covid Protection framework we, as a parish, are aware that some parishioners are concerned about the impact these changes will have for the overall welfare of our parish communities.

The following is an excerpt from a letter from the New Zealand Bishops to priests and parish leadership dated 15th September 2022.

It is ultimately for parish communities to decide what changes they wish to make, while always keeping to the fore the concern for those who are most vulnerable. It is important to remember, however, that the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions does not remove the risk of transmission of infections from Covid-19 and other viruses. We therefore ask every community and each community member to be prudent in retaining particular restrictions as deemed necessary in the interests of continuing to protect the most vulnerable.

At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 11th October we will discuss our parish response to the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions and report back to you on our decisions.

REMINDER: CHANGE OF PARISH MASS SCHEDULE TIMES:

The changes will take effect from next weekend 22-23 October 2022.

Saturday	5:30pm	San Antonio, Eastbourne
	6:00pm	St Patrick, Wainuiomata (until further notice)
Sunday	8:30am	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
	9:30am	Sacred Heart, Petone
	10:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu
	5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Petone

SPIRITED MUSIC JAM, for Intermediate school level and up, is on Sunday, 16th October, 11:15am-1pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Please bring a koha/donation toward our pizza lunch. Contact Lucy on 0226539525 for more info, or our Facebook page holyspirit youthjam

LIFE TEEN - SEEING THE UNSEEN - Sunday, 16th October, 6:30pm, Sacred Heart Petone Hall.

The goal of Seeing the Unseen is for teens to understand how Jesus destroyed death through His Resurrection and how it can inspire us to go out and make disciples.

We will be having Adoration and opportunity for reconciliation.



WEEKLY COLLECTION: 9th October - \$1,887.00 This amount does not include APs. Thank you for your support.



Next Sunday, **23 October 2022** is **MISSION SUNDAY**.

Every baptised person is a missionary. Mission Sunday is a day to celebrate our being missionaries during the Mass. It is also the time to share our financial gift to help the work of the Church in many mission territories all over the world.

Give from your heart. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate>

There are Missio brochures/newsletters available with this weekends newsletter with information on how to donate.

50TH PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FR. RON BENNETT:

We give thanks to God for the many blessings that this parish receives!

50 years ago, Fr. Ron Bennett was ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Church, Petone (the parish that he grew up in) on 19th June 1972. Right after his ordination Fr. Ron's first parish assignment was St. Patrick Church, Wainuiomata with Fr. Peter McGlynn (2 years) and then Fr. Bob Ryan (2 years).

The Parish of the Holy Spirit would like to invite parishioners to join Fr. Ron Bennett as he celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving to the Lord and to the people whom he love/serves.

Mass Schedules:

10:00am Friday 21st October St Patrick's Church Wainuiomata.

5.30pm Sunday 23rd October Sacred Heart Petone.

Please bring a plate to share!

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on **Thursday 10 November 2022** in the Church Foyer, Sacred Heart Church 41 Britannia St. Petone, 7:00pm. Parents wishing to have their child baptized are invited to attend. If you wish to attend the session please register by contacting the Parish Office at 971 7885.

BACK TO SCHOOL: We ask for God's blessings on all the teachers, children/students and staff of our 4 primary schools and Sacred Heart College and St Bernard's College as they begin the final school term of 2022.

PARISH MASS – 20TH NOVEMBER: We are blessed this year to be able to celebrate EUCHARIST as **ONE** full Parish family again on **20th November (Feast of Christ the King), 10:00am, St Bernard's Gymnasium.**

To help **PREPARE** and **ORGANIZE** it, there will be **two** meetings for the **Liturgy Team Leaders and Music Team Leaders from each of our four churches.**

Wednesday 19th October, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart Church Petone

Wednesday 16th November, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart Church Petone

Set up for the Mass will be Saturday, 19th November, 3:00 – 5:00pm at St Bernard's Gym.



SACRED HEART, PETONE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM: *We need your help!* The Liturgy Team is asking for help from parishioners who have a passion to work with children on Children's Liturgy every Sunday (starting 30th October). Training will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office (971 7885) if you can help. All children up to 8 years of age are welcome to join.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

Being the month of the Rosary, **each Saturday in October**, the Church will be opened from 2:30pm – 3:00pm. Parishioners may want to have a quiet moment in time to pray the rosary. Everyone is welcome and anyone wishing to lead the rosary. Come and join us.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

Every Sunday in October there will be altar server training after the 9:30am Mass. Come along if you would like to be involved in this ministry.

ST PATRICK, WAINUIOMATA

LITURGY TEAM: The community of St Patrick would like to invite parishioners to join our 'Liturgy Team'. The word 'liturgy' comes from a Greek term meaning "**public work or work done on behalf of the people**". Let us help revitalize our church services by sharing our different gifts and talents!. Training will be provided. Kindly contact the office for more information at 971 7885 or talk to Father Marlon.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, WAIWHETU

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: There will be a meeting on Monday, 17th October 2022 in Our Lady of the Rosary Community Church foyer commencing at 7:30pm.

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

October

- 17 Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
- 18 2 Tim 4: 10-17; Lk 10:1-9
- 19 Eph 3: 2-12; Lk 12: 39-48
- 20 Eph 3: 14-2; Lk 12: 49-53
- 21 Eph 4: 1-6; Lk 12: 54-59
- 22 Eph 4: 7-16; Lk 13: 1-9
- 23 Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8;
Lk 18: 9-14

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MISSION SUNDAY

First reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19
The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Second reading: Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14
The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Archdiocesan Notices

HEALING SERVICE: There is to be a Healing Service conducted by Fr John Rea in **St Teresa's Church Karori** on **Thursday 27 October beginning at 7:30pm**. Come and expect Jesus to bless you in the best way possible. See poster on notice board for further details.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER IS A WEEKEND EXPERIENCE FOR COUPLES INTENDING TO BE MARRIED: There is one more weekend in 2022. (**12-13th November**). The weekend is held at the Catholic Presbytery, 301 Karori Road. It is a two day, live out weekend. For more details go to our website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Or Phone Kate and Simon Olson. 027 486 0700 or email simonolsen@gmail.com

WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

The key that opens the door to the faith is prayer.

Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays.

It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.

